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SUBJECT: TURKISH PLANS FOR CYPRUS: LOCAL INDICATORS

1. SUMMARY: FROM ON-ISLAND VANTAGE, TRUKS SEEM PREPARED TO SIT ON CURRENT CEASEFIRE LINES INDEFINITELY. RESETTLEMENT PATTERNS, LONG-TERM LEASING OF AGRICULTURAL AREAS, REACTIVATION OF INDUSTRY, DEVELOPMENT OF SEPARATE POWER GENERATING CAPACITY, AND INTRODUCTION OF CONSTITUTION INDICATE NO EARLY SETTLEMENT ENVISIONED. ALL LOCAL INDICATORS POINT TO ESTABLISHMENT OF ESSENTIALLY SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE, ALBEIT ONE DEPENDENT UPON GOT FOR MILITARY AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT. END SUMMARY.

2. CONSTITUTION. TURK CYPRIOT DRAFTING COMMITTEE "COMPLETED" WORK ON NEW CONSTITUTION MARCH 26. (COMMENT: IN FACT, CONSTITUTION WAS DRAFTED ON MAINLAND. END COMMENT.) DOCUMENT FORWARDED TO CONSITTUENT ASSEMBLY AND PRESIDENT FEDERATED TURKISH STATE OF CYPRUS (FTSC) FOR APPROVAL. TWO WEEKS AFTER THIS OBTAINED, CONSTITUTION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO
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PUBLIC IN REFERENDUM. FROM MEMBERS CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, WE

UNDERSTAND THAT CONSTITUTION PROVIDES ALL ACCOUTERMENTS NORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH INDEPENDENT, SOVEREIGN STATE. NO REPEAT NO POWERS REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. LEGISLATIVE, AND PERHAPS PRESIDENTIAL, ELECTIONS WILL FOLLOW IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSTITUTION. THIS SCHEDULE WILL KEEP TURKISH COMMUNITY BUSY WITH INTERNAL AFFAIRS THROUGHOUT APRIL AND WELL INTO MAY. SEVERAL CONTACTS HAVE DESCRIBED DRAFT CONSTITUTION AS AKIN TO "DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE."

3. RESETTLEMENT PATTERN. TURK CYPRIOTS HAVE NOW RESETTLED VIRTUALLY ALL OF THEIR SOUTHERN MIGRANTS IN FORMER GREEK VILLAGES IN NORTH. SIGNIFICANTLY, TURKS HAVE BEEN SETTLED IN MANY VILLAGES CLOSEST TO CEASE-FIRE LINES, AN APPARENT INDICATION THAT TURKS DO NOT REPEAT NOT INTEND TO WITHDRAW SOON. ACCORDING TURK CYPRIOT COOPERATIVE OFFICIALS ALLOCATION OF FIELDS AND VEGETABLE GARDENS HAS BEEN COMPLETED ON BASIS TWO-YEAR RENT FREE LEASES. TURK CYPRIOT OFFICIALS EXPRESS CONFIDENCE THAT ALL ARABLE LAND WILL BE CULTIVATED.

4. INDUSTRY. TURK CYPRIOT PRESS HAS ANNOUNCED REACTIVATION OF OVER THIRTY GREEK-OWNED INDUSTRIES IN MORPHOU, KYRENIA AND FAMAGUSTA. THIS IN ADDITION REOPENED HOTELS PREVIOUSLY NOTED. TURK CYPRIOT LEGISLATORS TELL US THAT CENSUS IDENTIFIED MORE THAN 600 GREEK CYPRIOT ECONOMIC UNITS IN NORTH WHICH SURVIVED WAR INTACT. CENSUS, HOWEVER, UNDERLINED FACT THAT TURKISH COMMUNITY LACKS TRAINED PERSONNEL TO OPERATE THESE INDUSTRIES AND IMPORTATION OF LABOR FROM MAINLAND WILL BE NECESSARY. OUR CONTACTS SPEAK OF THIS AS ACCEPTED FACT. SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF MAINLAND TURKS ALREADY EMPLOYED IN KEY POSITIONS, ALTHOUGH PRECISE FIGURE IMPOSSIBLE TO VERIFY.

5. ELECTRIC POWER. TURK CYPRIOTS IN PROCESS INSTALLING TWO 30 MW ELECTRIC GENERATING GAS TURBINES IN NORTH. ONCE THESE ARE ON LINE (END OF MAY ESTIMATED) TURK CYPRIOTS WILL NO LONGER DEPEND UPON GREEK GENERATING CAPACITY. AT PRESENT, TURKS ARE RECEIVING ELECTRICITY FROM GREEKS FREE OF CHARGE, IN RETURN FOR WHICH TURKS SUPPLY GREEK

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NICOSIA WITH WATER FROM MORPHOU BORE HOLES.

6. CONCLUSION. INDICATORS OUTLINED ABOVE, TOGETHER WITH THOSE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, ALL POINT TO A DELIBERATE CAMPAIGN TO EFFECT SEPARATION OF ISLAND'S TWO COMMUNITIES. PACE OF THIS CAMPAIGN HAS, IF ANYTHING, ACCELERATED IN RECENT MONTHS. NOTEWORTHY THAT CONSTITUTION FOR FEDERATED STATE, IF PRESENT SCHEDULE MAINTAINED, WILL

BE INTRODUCED AT PRECISE MOMENT WHEN UNSYG HOPES RE-
CONVENE INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS. WE DO NOT
THINK THIS TIMING FORTUITOUS. AS TURK CYPRIOT
GOVERNMENT APPARATUS IS FORMALIZED AND ECONOMY DEVELOPED,
THERE WILL BE EVEN LESS REASON FOR TURK CYPRIOTS TO
SEEK ACCOMMODATION WITH THEIR SOUTHERN NEIGHBORS.
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